

REMARKS

The attached claims 1-7 are identical to the claims in U.S. Patent Number 6,211,473 which issued from U.S. application number 09/327,707, the application from which the instant application claims priority.

In the attached replacement pages only independent claims 1, 4, and 5 have been changed and claim 8 has been eliminated. Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are the same as originally filed.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims should be indicated novel and possessing an inventive step, and the Applicant hereby requests that the Authorized Officer provide another Written Opinion indicating the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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